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INTRODUCTION

Claims 1-28 are pending in the application. Claims 1-28 have been rejected under 35
U.S.C. §101 and 112 (first paragraph) for lack of utility, and claims 12-18 have been rejected
under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for alleged ambiguity in limitations applied to a
variable n . Claims 9 and 12-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by the
Fujimoto article "Parallel and Distributed Simulation" ("Fujimoto" herein), while claims 1-8, 10-

11, 20-21, and 25-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over the combination of Fujimoto with a "DMSO Facility reference" and a "DMSO HLA page." Claims 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over the combination of Fujimoto, the DMSO Facility reference, the DMSO HLA page, and certain concepts asserted by "official notice." In this Response, Applicants amend certain claims, discuss certain art, and traverse some of these rejections.

The Examiner also noted that the PTO Form 1449A (modified) that was attached to the Information Disclosure Statement filed by Applicants on 8/23/2001 (and apparently received by the USPTO on 8/27/2001) did not make it into the electronic file. Another copy of that form is being attached hereto for the Examiner's use. The Applicants' file copy does include this form, as well as a certificate of mailing under 37 CFR §1.8. If formal proof of the earlier mailing is required, the undersigned invites contact by the USPTO, and that proof will be provided.